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Columnist Jack Anderson recently reported that "The Central Intelligence Agency is quietly returning to its old ways of stirring up secret mischief abroad. But because its own covert capabilities have been dismantled, the CIA is using foreign forces, some of them of dubious reliability, to carry out its clandestine activity....

"...A top-secret planning document warns that openness 'could panic an American public which has not yet recovered from the Vietnam morning-after syndrome.'"

Nevertheless, in addition to other turgid spots on the globe, Anderson says what might be called the Agency's Castrophobia remains. "In Guatemala," according to his column, "the CIA has arranged for secret training in the finer points of assassination. This has been provided through Cuban emigre groups...

"The CIA is also giving Cuban emigres commando training again, apparently unmindful of the lessons of the Bay of Pigs. Plans have been discussed to parachute them into Cuba and to use them to harass Cuban economic missions... They will also open a Radio Free Cuba, with U.S. technical and financial assistance."

Well maybe the CIA has not yet learned the lesson of the Bay